

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (New): A method of preventing or treating dermatitis and/or alopecia, comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of a composition comprising at least one antibody against NK cells selected from the group consisting of antibodies identifying an NK1.1 antigen, antibodies identifying an asialo GM1 antigen, and anti-Ly 49D antibodies.

13. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the antibody is an antibody that suppresses NK cells.

14. (New): The method of claim 13, wherein the antibody is an antibody identifying an NK1.1 antigen.

15. (New): The method of claim 14, wherein the antibody is an antibody identifying human NK1.1 antigen.

16. (New): The method of claim 13, wherein the antibody is an antibody identifying an asialo GM1 antigen.

17. (New): The method of claim 13, wherein the at least one antibody is selected from the group consisting of antibodies identifying an NK1.1 antigen and antibodies identifying an asialo GM1 antigen.

18. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the antibody is an antibody against an antigen that activates NK cells.

19. (New): The method of claim 18, wherein the antibody is anti-Ly 49D antibody.
20. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the composition is administered topically.
21. (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the composition is administered directly onto the skin.
22. (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the composition is administered subcutaneously.
23. (New): The method of claim 20, wherein the composition is administered intramuscularly.
24. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the composition is administered systemically.
25. (New): The method of claim 24, wherein the composition is administered by injection.
26. (New): The method of claim 24, wherein the composition is administered intravenously.
27. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating dermatitis.
28. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating alopecia.
29. (New): The method of claim 28, wherein the alopecia is caused by dermatitis.
30. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating psoriasis.
31. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating autoimmune dermatitis.
32. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating allergic dermatitis.
33. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating atopic dermatitis.

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34. (New): The method of claim 12, which is a method of preventing or treating dermal disorders derived from overexpression of IL-18.